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In re Application of:

Luc VARIN et al.

U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/019,931

Group Art Unit: 1638

Filed: May 10, 2002

Examiner: STUART F BAUM

For: METHOD, COMPOSITIONS, AND GENETIC SEQUENCES FOR MODULATING FLOWERING PLANTS, AND PLANTS GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO FLOWER EARLY AND TARDILY

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Small entity status of this application has been established.
- ☐ Also attached:


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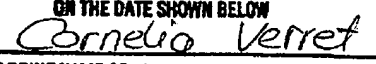

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows: